## **REMARKS**

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The specification has been amended at pages 1-2 to correct the designation of the prior art.

At other places in the specification, reference to the claims has been eliminated.

Claim 3 has been amended to remove the multiple claim dependency and new claim 4 has been added to provide equivalent claim coverage.

The Abstract has been amended to remove the reference numbers.

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 6, 2004 and complies with instructions for response set forth in 37 CFR 1.121(h). The listing of the claims is provided with the proper status identifier.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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